



Pinellas County

Staff Report

File #: 24-0197A, **Version:** 1

Subject:

Award of bid to TLC Diversified, Inc. for the Pump Station Generator Improvement Project.

Recommended Action:

Approval of the award of bid to TLC Diversified Inc. (TLC) for the Pump Station Generator Improvement Project - Phase II.

- This project consists of installing either a generator or diesel by-pass pump at multiple sanitary sewer pump stations throughout the County sewer service areas to ensure continuity of operations in the event of power loss.
- Two bids were received with award recommendation to TLC as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder in the amount of \$5,784,701.00. The bid was 7.89% (or \$422,929.00) higher than the engineers estimate and attributed to passage of time and construction market increases.
- Phase I of this project resulted in installing by-pass pumps or generators at thirteen locations. The Phase I contract has expended all funds and is approaching expiration. Thus, a new contract was bid.
- A commitment of 7% has been established for participation by Small Business Enterprise subcontractors for this project.
- All work is expected to be completed within 1095 consecutive calendar days from notice to proceed.
- Funding is budgeted under Pump Stations Generator Improvements Project 003762A, included in the Fiscal Year 2024-2029 Capital Improvement Plan, funded by the Sewer Renewal and Replacement Fund, in the amount of \$9,300,000.

Bid No. 23-1202-ITB-C in the total not to exceed amount of \$5,784,701.00, work to be completed within 1095 consecutive calendar days from notice to proceed; Authorize the Chairman to sign and the Clerk of the Circuit Court to attest.

Strategic Plan:

Foster Continual Economic Growth and Vitality

4.4 Invest in infrastructure to meet current and future needs

Deliver First Class Services to the Public and Our Customers

5.3 Ensure effective and efficient delivery of county services and support

Summary:

The purpose of this project is to furnish and install diesel by-pass pumps or generators, valves, fittings, electrical equipment, panels, conduits, and other incidental work required to construct a backup power system for operating sewer pump stations in the event of power losses.

Background Information:

On November 3, 2023, an invitation to bid was released by Purchasing and Risk Management on behalf of Utilities. Award recommendation to TLC as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder in the amount of \$5,784,701.00.

The aftermath of Hurricane Irma left a large portion of the County without power. Due to this power outage, many sanitary sewer pump stations within Pinellas County Utilities service areas were unable to operate, resulting in numerous sanitary sewer overflows (SSO's).

The Utilities Department has decided to have backup power systems at critical pump stations in the event of future power outages. These sites include critical zones within the wastewater collection system that provides sanitary sewer service to hospitals, schools, shelters, assisted living facilities, etc.

This is the second contract to be awarded under this program. The first contract succeeded in installing by-pass pumps or generators at thirteen (13) locations. This contract has expended all funds and is approaching the expiration deadline. Utilities is pursuing a new contract to continue with the program.

Fiscal Impact:

Total contract not to exceed: \$5,784,701.00

Funding is budgeted under Pump Stations Generator Improvements Project 003762A, included in the FY24-29 Capital Improvement Plan, funded by the Sewer Renewal and Replacement Fund, in the amount of \$9,300,000. Approved funding for FY24-27, covering the duration of the contract is \$6,300,000.

Staff Member Responsible:

Jeremy Waugh, Director, Utilities

Merry Celeste, Division Director, Purchasing & Risk, Administrative Services

Joe Lauro, Director, Administrative Services

Partners:

N/A

Attachments:

Agreement

Bid Tabulation